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**Pulse
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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Haunted Honeywell House to hand out Halloween treats

The house will be open during the city of Wabash's official trick-or-treating hours from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at 720 N. Wabash St. Halloween at the Honeywell House is free and open to the public.

Annual indoor pumpkin walk planned

Charley Creek Gardens will celebrate Halloween with its 9th Annual Indoor Pumpkin Walk from 5 until 8 p.m. through Thursday, Oct. 31. This event is free and open to the public.

'On the Table' discussions planned for Thursday, Oct. 31

Discussions are planned for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Chapman's Brewing Company, 233 S. Miami St., facilitated by Tenille Zartman and aimed toward Wabash County Young Professionals; and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Charley Creek Inn Wine and Cheese Shoppe, 111 W. Market St., facilitated by Natalie Dilling.

LaFontaine presents annual haunted house

Hours of operation for this week are 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31; and 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 1, and Saturday, Nov. 2 at 22 W. Branson St., LaFontaine. This is a non-profit fundraiser and there is a suggested \$3 minimum donation per visitor. All donations will be split between the LaFontaine Volunteer Fire Department and the Festival Committee of LaFontaine.

City approves trick-or-treating hours

The city has set the official times for 6 to 8 p.m. Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31.

Dr. James Ford Historic Home to host Halloween event

The Dr. James Ford Historic Home invites all

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Theft suspect arrested after search by WPD

Josie D. Wilcox, 36, of Wabash, apprehended late Tuesday

BY ROB BURGESS
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After asking for the public help Tuesday afternoon, theft suspect Josie D. Wilcox, 36, of Wabash, was arrested by the Wabash Police Department (WPD) a few hours later.

When Cpt. Matt A. Benson, WPD public information officer, first asked for the public's help, he stated there was a \$1,000 reward "if you have information that leads to an arrest."

"Wilcox has several out-

standing warrants and is a suspect in several theft cases," stated Benson. "Wilcox is a white male, 5-foot 6-inches, 170 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes."

In response to a Plain Dealer request for more information, Benson released another statement later in the day announcing Wilcox's arrest by WPD officers at 8:04 p.m. in the old Hoosier Point parking lot.

"Wilcox was located in a

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PHOTO PROVIDED

ARRESTED: Theft suspect Josie D. Wilcox, 36, of Wabash, was arrested by the Wabash Police Department (WPD) late Tuesday.



PHOTOS BY ROB BURGESS / Plain Dealer

WALK: The Annual Pumpkin Walk features 125 pumpkins painted by students.

Walking with pumpkins

Annual Charley Creek Gardens event features treats, student art

BY ROB BURGESS
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For the ninth year in a row, Charley Creek Gardens is celebrating Halloween with treats along with their Indoor Pumpkin Walk from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, according to Courtney Harvey, development communications manager of the Honeywell Foundation.

The Pumpkin Walk will take place in the Gardens' Education and Resource Center located at 551 N. Miami St. Guests may enjoy refreshments.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.charleycreekgardens.org or call 260-563-1020.

Kelly Smith, director of Charley Creek Gardens, said they provide pumpkins to Wabash High School's art classes, taught by Donna Pattee-Ballard, to decorate them before being displayed.



THIS IS HALLOWEEN: GARDEN: Kelly Smith, director of Charley Creek Gardens, holds one of the pumpkins shown at the event.

This year, Wabash Middle School's eighth grade honors art class participated, taught by Krystyna Martin. "It's something that we

thought was a great collaboration with the school, and we'd love to expand upon it at some point in time," said Smith.

This year there are 125 pumpkins, up by 25 from last year.

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Manchester pivots toward career-focused programs

University is adding programs in the health sciences, other areas

BY ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University is adding programs in the health sciences and others with strong potential.

"We are pivoting toward programs that prospective students want," said President Dave McFadden. "To-

day's high school students and their parents are looking for a place that offers a clear return on their investment, whether that's a good-paying job right after commencement or acceptance into graduate school."

McFadden, for example, announced last week that Manchester is working to add a Master of Science degree in nutrition and the emerging field of nutrigenomics, which studies the relationship between a person's DNA,

nutrition and health.

The Board of Trustees has approved a proposal to offer the five-year master's degree program, with three years at the undergraduate level in North Manchester and two at the graduate level in Fort Wayne.

Manchester is also seeking accreditation for a bachelor's degree in nursing, which is in response to a nationwide shortage. It has added an on-line pharmacogenomics master's degree, which will soon

graduate its first class.

"Why are we doing this? One practical reason is that there is market opportunity: There is a critical shortage of health-care professionals, and exploding traditional and adult student interest in those professions.

"More importantly," McFadden said, "health-care professions align closely with our mission to graduate persons of ability and conviction who

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Officials encourage Halloween safety

WPD: City's official trick-or-treating hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash Police Department (WPD), Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), Indiana State Police (ISP) and other officials are encouraging residents to remain safe during Thursday's Halloween celebration.

Cpt. Matt A. Benson, WPD public information officer, stated the trick or treat hours for the city of Wabash are 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, according to a press release.

Benson also offered the following safety tips:

- Trick-or-treating should be done with adult supervision or in groups.

- Make sure your costume does not restrict your vision when walking door to door.

- If you are trick-or-treating after dark, be sure to have reflective material on your costume.

- Only go to houses which you know.

- Parents, please inspect all treats before your children eat them.

- Motorists, please be cautious and slow down when driving the streets on Halloween. Remember children are going to be in and out of the streets frequently.

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WCUF awards \$1K to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry

Funds to pay meat processing fees on donated large game and livestock

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) recently awarded Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry \$1,000 to be used to serve Wabash County residents, according to a press release.

"United Fund is pleased to be able to include the Meat the Need program for funding for 2020," stated Steve Johnson, executive director of WCUF. "It is a challenge for food pantries to keep enough meat in their facilities for the level of need in our communities. We hope the program will help address food insecurity in Wabash County."

According to the latest Feeding America Map the Meal Gap report, Indiana has 887,070 people struggling with hunger — 273,380 of which are children and a third of Indiana residents who are food insecure still don't qualify for assistance.

"There are many Hoosiers out there who are working, trying to pay their bills and still can't afford to put enough food on the table to feed their families," stated the release.

Protein, an important component of every cell in the body and one of the most

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ARREST

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vehicle and ... arrested for three warrants,” stated Benson. “Two were felony warrants. Wilcox was additionally charged with possession of methamphetamine and resisting law enforcement. Wilcox was medically cleared and transported to Wabash County Jail.”

According to court records, one of the felony warrants was issued Wednesday, Oct. 16 for a felony theft charge where the value of the property is between \$750 and \$50,000.

A second felony warrant was issued Monday, Oct. 21 on a felony theft charge when the defendant has a prior conviction for either theft or conversion. A status conference in that case with Vanderpool will take place at the same time.

The third warrant was for a misdemeanor charge of conversion also issued Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Wilcox’s initial hearing has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31 with Judge Benjamin Vanderpool.

Benson stated the female driver of the Bobbie L. Owen, 35, of Lagro, was also arrested

ed for an unrelated warrant.

According to court records, Owens’ warrant was issued Monday, Oct. 28 for a misdemeanor charge of driving while suspended, with a knowing violation and prior conviction within the last 10 years.

Benson stated these arrests were a joint effort between Wabash City Police, Wabash County Sheriff’s Department, Wabash Drug Task Force and Indiana State Police.

“A criminal charge is merely an accusation. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty,” stated Benson.



PHOTOS BY ROB BURGESS / Plain Dealer

DECORATED: Students who decorated pumpkins may pick them up during trick-or-treating hours Thursday.



WHAT'S THIS?: Given the wild swings in precipitation and temperatures in the past few weeks, organizers decided to have the students paint most of the pumpkins rather than carve them.



BOO: Guests may enjoy refreshments Thursday. This event is free and open to the public.

PUMPKINS

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“The children coming to see the pumpkins at an early age, maybe we’re inspiring them to try art so that they could do a pumpkin,” she said. “Last year, we actually had a young lady who did one of the pumpkins that she came and saw it as a child. She was really excited. She was like, ‘I finally get to do a pumpkin for the Indoor Pumpkin Walk.’”

Smith said if children want to stop by during trick-or-treating hours to pick up their pumpkins, they could.

“Then whatever pumpkins we have left, if they’re not necessarily a Halloween theme, we’ll put them outside,” she said. “If they are, we have a farm that we can take them to to dispose of them. They actually get repurposed.

Smith said given the wild swings in precipitation and temperatures in the past few weeks, they decided to have the students paint most of

the pumpkins rather than carve them.

“I like how bright the colors are. And I think it gave a lot of students a chance to be more creative because it is hard to etch,” she said. “You can cover more pumpkin with decoration if you’re new at it by painting than by etching. So, they were encouraged to etch if they can. Paint. Embellish. They did all three, which

is wonderful.”

Smith said the first year they carved them, with lasting olfactory consequences.

“You’d walk in, it’s like, ‘Oh, that smell. I know that smell.’ The next year, the decision was made ... just etch them. And that worked. But once again it comes down to the pumpkin. It’s got to be a pretty thick-skinned pumpkin and a thicker wall and that helps,” she said.






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Maleficent: Mistress of Evil in 2D (PG) Fri: 6:50, 9:05 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:05 Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (PG13) Fri: 7:10, 9:45 Sat: 1:20, 4:05, 7:10, 9:45 Sun: 1:20, 4:05, 7:10 Mon- Thurs: 7:10	Joker (R) Sat: 6:30, 9:25 Sun: 12:50, 3:45, 6:30, 9:25 Mon- Thurs: 6:30
Zombieland: Double Tap (R) Fri: 6:40, 9:35 Sat: 1:00, 3:35, 6:40, 9:35 Sun: 1:00, 3:35, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	The Addams Family in 2D (PG) Fri: 7:00, 9:15 Sat: 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15 Sun: 1:30, 4:15, 7:00 Mon- Thurs: 7:00	





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 <p>Thursday Rain Likely 41 / 26</p>	 <p>Friday Sunny 43 / 30</p>	 <p>Saturday Mostly Cloudy 40 / 29</p>	 <p>Sunday Partly Cloudy 44 / 35</p>	 <p>Monday Mostly Cloudy 48 / 39</p>
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:45 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:18 a.m.

 <p>First 11/4</p>	 <p>Full 11/12</p>	 <p>Last 11/19</p>	 <p>New 11/26</p>
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of rain, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 92%. West wind 9 to 23 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of snow, overnight low of 26°. West southwest wind 10 to 22 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 16°.

Boss takes credit for employee's work

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have been working on a project for six months, and at a companywide meeting, my boss took all the credit for the work that I have done. Yes, it was for our team, but he did nothing, and I did it all, yet he acted like he was the victor. I was so mad.

I'm not sure what to do. Complaining may make me seem petty, but I am so angry that he didn't give me or his team any credit for the hard work we have been doing to get to where we are now. Is there anything I can say that may open his eyes for the next time? He is usually a thoughtful boss, but overlooking me and the rest of the team for all of the work we did felt like a slap in the face. – Overlooked

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR OVERLOOKED: If you can frame your concern so that it doesn't seem personal, you may be able to get the message across to your boss. For example, perhaps you can congratulate your boss on presenting successfully at the companywide meeting while adding that it might be good for him to say something to the team about how hard they worked on the project that he mentioned. Gently point out that while he talked about it, he did not acknowledge the people who worked to make it happen. In this way, you point out what is obvious to you without directly criticizing him.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My cousin is getting married next fall, and she is very excited. She is in her mid-20s and is thrilled to have found her partner. They are just starting their lives together, and they cannot afford the wedding that


they have planned. Every time we talk about it, my cousin asks if the family will chip in to help make her dream come true. I don't agree. I would rather give them money to help them build toward their future. She is mad that this is my opinion, but I feel strongly about it. How can I get my point across? It's nice to have a beautiful party, but much more important, in my view, to be set up to start a beautiful life. – Affordable Wedding

DEAR AFFORDABLE WEDDING: Rather than getting too involved in the details of your cousin's wedding, you can stand your ground about how you will support her. In a private conversation, tell your cousin how much you love and support her.

Make it clear that your way of gifting her for her union is by giving her money for her future. Tell her if she continues to push forward for a lavish wedding, she will need to get financial help from people other than you.

Make it clear that you are not abandoning her. Instead, you are showing your love in ways that make sense to you. At the same time, you can let her know that you do not intend to lobby other family members to join your position. You should be quiet and let her navigate her journey.

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TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
07-29-31-33-37
Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Cash4Life
23-31-45-48-58
Cash Ball: 4
Daily Three-Midday
2-6-6, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
2-3-3, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
6-8-7-8, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
3-6-4-7, SB: 6
Mega Millions
04-09-17-27-39, Mega Ball: 22, Megaplier: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$105 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$140 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum	0.79
Copper	2.68
Lead	1.03
Zinc	1.17
Gold	1,487.17
Silver	17.69
Platinum	917.86

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Donna J. Haneline

July 11, 1943 - Oct. 27, 2019

Donna J. Haneline, 76, of Wabash, passed away at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born in Sarah Ann, West Virginia on July 11, 1943, to the late Charlie and Louise (Morrison) Hunt.

Donna graduated from Logan High School and she attended Concord University in West Virginia. She married Robert E. Haneline on May 11, 1963. Donna retired as a public assistant worker for the State of Indiana.

Donna enjoyed reading, hanging out with Ayden and having lunch with her friends. She loved spending time with family including her daughter-in-law's family, which had become her own family. She also loved visits from her friend, Melissa Ragle, who she fondly referred to as her daughter.

Donna is survived by her husband, Robert; 1 son, Thomas E. (Pamela) Haneline, of Wabash; 1 brother, Clifford Hunt, of Wabash; 2 sisters, Marcella (Paul) Johnson and Irene Centers, both of Versailles, Kentucky and 2 grandchildren, Keaton



Wilkerson and Ayden Haneline, both of Wabash. She was preceded in death by 1 son, Richard Lee Haneline and 1 sister, Opal Hunt LeMaster.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, Indiana 46992, with Ralph Johnson, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Friends Cemetery in Wabash. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Purdue Pharma paid CEO \$9M in year before bankruptcy

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL and TOM MURPHY Associated Press

OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma paid its CEO \$9 million and its board chairman nearly \$4 million in the 12 months before the company's bankruptcy filing last month, according to recently filed financial documents.

Five other board members overseeing the private company were paid a combined \$3.7 million over that span.

Purdue, a privately held company that usually does not disclose detailed financial information, had to make the information public as a part of its bankruptcy proceedings.

Charles Elson, director of the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware, said it's hard to compare CEO Craig Landau's pay package to other executives. But the money paid to Steve Miller, a corporate turnaround specialist who was brought in to lead Pur-

due's board of directors last year, seems excessive, he said.

"In a public company, that would be a rather extraordinary sum to pay a non-exec chair," Elson said, while noting that Purdue can pay whatever it wants.

"In a private company, it's private and it's between them," he said.

In a statement Wednesday, Purdue said its employees have highly specialized skills that would be hard to replace.

"During the past several years, employees have had to work under very challenging conditions as litigation has accelerated and the company has been targeted by the plaintiffs in the media," the company said. "Throughout this period, Purdue's employees and executives have maintained their professionalism and continued to develop, manufacture and provide safe and effective, FDA-approved medicines to meet patients' needs."

PROGRAMS

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live lives that improve the human condition."

Manchester also recently launched a master of accountability degree that allows students to earn a master's degree in four years, and a data science bachelor's degree. It moved the master of athletic training program to the Fort Wayne campus and immediately saw results.

"We are investing in programs that have the potential to grow," McFadden said. "That means reinventing some existing majors and ultimately

phasing out others.

In its undergraduate realignment, Manchester is working on changes to the curriculum that will provide more flexibility for students. For example, some majors are being redesigned to make it easier to have a dual major – an option that is attractive to employers and students alike.

In order to invest in these changes, two faculty positions are scheduled for elimination at the end of this academic year and three will end at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

Six staff positions will be eliminated at the end of January 2020. The school will also

freeze or eliminate some positions through attrition and some positions and offices will be consolidated over time.

Those whose positions will be ending were notified Tuesday.

"Because of the faculty reductions, we expect that some majors will be phased out," McFadden said. "Faculty committees are currently reviewing the latest information to identify what the next steps will be. All curricular changes require faculty approval before they are implemented."

If any major is identified for closure, students who are currently in that major will be able to complete it, but no new ma-

packaged and local hunger relief agencies are contacted for pick up. There is no cost to donors.

"Our goal is to provide this protein-packed meat to hunger-relief agencies within Indiana to assist those in need of additional food services. Getting groceries at local food banks and pantries guarantees healthy meals for families when they need extra help. This program works to ensure that these agencies have

meat, allowing them to provide fresh nutritious protein for hungry local families. This effort will help build stronger, healthier communities by meeting a basic need – reducing food insecurity and empowering people by getting them back on track to hunger-free, independent living," stated Debra Treesh, executive director of Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. "The \$1,000 in funds provided by the United Fund will pay to process about 900

pounds of donated large game and livestock – providing over 3,400 more meals through area hunger-relief agencies to residents in need within their community."

On average, the cost of this donated meat is about \$1.16 per pound, which is 29 cents per meal.

"Partnering with 82 meat processors statewide, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry gives approximately 575,000 pounds of meat annually to

an average of 450 hunger relief agencies throughout Indiana," stated Amber Zecca, fund development director of Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. "W & W Locker works hard for Wabash County and does all the processing at a reduced rate so that we are able to make grants like this go so much further. This nutritious protein has been given to and distributed by Friends in Service Here (FISH) of Wabash."

Amazon hopes \$1.5 mil elects pro-business Seattle leaders

BY GENE JOHNSON Associated Press

SEATTLE — Brian Sweeney has a long list of complaints about Amazon, from the way it treats warehouse workers to the low taxes it pays and its effort to win concessions from cities to bring in jobs. So when he learned the online retail giant had poured \$1 million into remaking the Seattle City Council with more business-friendly candidates, he pulled out his wallet.

The New York resident sent \$15 to socialist council member Kshama Sawant, a target of the online retail giant. While that doesn't compare to Amazon's unprecedented spending Oct. 14, about 1,900 others also have donated to Sawant

since then, her campaign says. It's a dramatic rise in support and a reflection of the risk Amazon is taking as it splashes into the politics of its liberal hometown.

Many in Seattle aren't happy with the council, but they also may not like a company headed by the world's richest man, Jeff Bezos, trying to influence their vote. As historic income inequality fuels homelessness and soaring housing prices, some progressives elsewhere don't like it either.

"Amazon could do this in hundreds of places around the country with all the money they're not paying in taxes," said Sweeney, a 28-year-old software engineer turned carpenter in

Valley Stream, New York.

With seven of the nine Seattle council seats in play Nov. 5, business interests see an opportunity to shift city leadership closer to the political center and away from a bent to potentially tax big companies to fund homeless services or improve public transit.

The council is officially nonpartisan, but Republicans stand little chance of getting elected in Seattle, and many of the business-backed candidates are moderate to progressive Democrats. The race will decide whether the council is dominated by socialists and extremely liberal Democrats or more centrist ones.

"We are contributing to this election because we

care deeply about the future of Seattle," Amazon spokesman Aaron Toso said in a statement. "We believe it is critical that our hometown has a City Council that is focused on pragmatic solutions to our shared challenges in transportation, homelessness, climate change and public safety."

Progressive Democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are among those accusing Amazon of trying to buy the council.

The elections come a year after a political debacle that damaged the council's popularity. The leaders unanimously passed the "Amazon tax," designed to make lucrative companies contribute more to affordable housing for the homeless.

SAFETY

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■ If you find anything suspicious please contact your local law enforcement.

ISP offers tips

Also, the ISP issued a press release with their list of tips:

■ Know what the dates and times are in your local community for trick or treating.

■ A flashlight, glow stick, or reflective material on the costume increases visibility.

■ Always trick or treat with an adult or in a group and use the buddy system when going from house to house.

■ Please walk on the sidewalks and not in the roadway. Make sure you look in both directions before crossing the street.

■ Only go trick-or-treating at houses that you trust and where the front porch light is on.

■ Only wear masks that allow you to easily see where you are going.

■ Only accept treats at the doorway of the house. Never enter the house of a stranger.

■ If a trick-or-treater gets separated from the group, have them stay where they are located and ask an adult for help.

■ Always have an adult inspect the candy before it is eaten.

■ Motorists, please slow down and drive with extra

caution where trick-or-treaters are present.

IDHS offers tips

According to the National Safety Council, children are twice as likely to be hit by a vehicle during Halloween than any other time of the year, stated a press release from the IDHS.

"Children should remember to be cautious crossing streets while drivers should pay close attention when driving through neighborhood streets," stated the release.

When creating a Halloween costume, it is important to:

■ Avoid using dark costume colors, as it could make it difficult for drivers to see the children. If avoiding dark colors is impossible, place reflective tape on costumes and bags so trick-or-treaters are more visible to drivers at night.

■ Avoid masks that can restrict vision. Try using non-toxic makeup to make sure children can see everything happening around them.

■ Remind children to stay on sidewalks and look both ways before crossing a street.

■ Make sure costumes, wigs and accessories are fire-resistant.

When going out trick-or-treating, always remember to:

■ Carry flashlights or electric lanterns to prevent injuries, both on the sidewalk and in the street.

■ Have younger children

accompanied by a responsible adult. Older children should have a specific route and time to return home.

■ Never let children enter a stranger's home or vehicle for treats.

■ Always inspect treats before allowing children to eat them.

For more Halloween safety tips, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.

'Operation Safe Halloween'

Halloween will be safer for children across Indiana thanks to an annual statewide initiative to closely monitor sex offenders and keep them off community streets during the youth-oriented holiday, according to a press release.

Indiana Department of Corrections Parole Services Division will be participating in Operation Safe Halloween. Parole staff are working with local law enforcement, probation and community corrections agencies within their community to ensure full compliance and accountability.

On Thursday, October 31, paroled sex offenders in each of the state's 10 parole districts must adhere to a special curfew and restrictions during each community's scheduled trick-or-treat hours. Sex offenders will be required to attend a mandatory meeting, turn in safety plans for the evening, or remain at home

and not pass out candy.

As with previous years, sex offenders who remain at their approved residence have been advised to turn off their outside lights during the evening hours, refrain from displaying Halloween decorations, and some will post signs that they are not participating in passing out candy. All sex offenders will also be subject to unannounced home visits and compliance checks.

"Our parole staff will be diligent in keeping our communities safe. For events such as this, law enforcement agencies must work together to promote public safety. Operation Safe Halloween allows our parole agents to more effectively monitor sex offenders and give parents in our community some peace of mind on what should be a fun family holiday," stated Troy Keith, director of parole services.

In response to a Plain Dealer request as to whether a similar program was happening locally, Benson stated "that is not anything we do here."

"However, the Wabash County Sheriff is in charge of monitoring registered sex offenders. That might be a better person to ask than me," stated Benson.

A Plain Dealer request for additional information sent to Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker was not returned as of press time.

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important nutrients for brain and body development in children, is also the hardest commodity for food banks to obtain. Food insecurity, especially with protein deficiency, can lead to loss of muscle mass and bone frailty, decreased immune system, babies with lower birth weights, and damage to a child's abil-

ity to learn and grow – as the lack of healthy food results in people receiving fewer nutrients.

"Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry encourages hunters, farmers, and 4-H bidders to donate large game and livestock to our 'Meat' the Need program through local, participating meat processors, and raises financial support to pay processing fees on these donations," stated the release.

The donation is processed,

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Daily scripture

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

Exodus 15:11

Facebook and Google should accept responsibility for political ads

Two of the largest information companies on Earth are making a mockery of Washington state campaign law.

The law requires Facebook and Google, like every other carrier of political advertising in the state, to keep a publicly available ledger of all political advertisement buyers and other information. But neither company obeys it.

Instead, each announced in 2018 that they would stop accepting advertisements for state and local political campaigns in Washington. This shutdown and a combined \$450,000 payment were supposed to resolve a lawsuit Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed against the companies for failing to disclose political advertisement transactions.

The settlement had reasonable enough logic: If the two online advertising Goliaths couldn't manage to keep political advertising records available for public inspection, then they'd get out of that line of business. But then Facebook and Google tossed the deal glibly aside and went right back to business. Washington needs stronger laws to hold campaigns as well as tech companies accountable for meeting

disclosure requirements.

Seattle Times reporter David Gutman reported Monday that Facebook and Google have each freely sold advertising across the political spectrum within Washington during this campaign season. This is their right, provided they follow the disclosure instructions in state law. Google and Facebook have shown no more willingness to obey the rules than before Ferguson first took them to court.

It defies belief to see companies that make billions of dollars from organizing millions of Americans' online lives claim they cannot adequately track the advertising. Google and Facebook are publishing advertisements and must obey regulations of venturing into that marketplace, or else withdraw from it.

Washington is among at least five states that have special political restrictions under new disclosure laws, according to Google's page of advertising restrictions. Yet in the real world, campaigns buy a torrent of ads, and the tech companies are serving them out to thousands upon thousands of users.

This state must ratchet up its response. Already, the state Public

Disclosure Commission has filed a new complaint against Facebook over a fresh round of alleged inadequate record keeping. Spectacularly wealthy, tech-innovating companies can surely comply with a three-sentence state law.

The matter ought to resonate deep within both companies' headquarters. For much of October, a letter signed by more than 250 Facebook workers has aired a complaint within the company against its laissez-faire approach to political advertising, a situation that is mirrored far beyond the company's California campus.

Americans have watched one presidential election cycle dragged into the muck of disinformation and have deep concerns about further destabilization in 2020. For Facebook and Google, the time has arrived to map out terms for political advertising that can be productive in American's democratic process. If the companies and campaigns continue to fail at cooperation, lawmakers should impose new restrictions on how political business is done.

This editorial was first published in The Seattle Times.

Trump ordered the raid that killed Baghdadi. Would Biden have done the same?

President Trump deserves credit for ordering the operation that killed Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. It was a high-risk mission that required U.S. forces to fly hundreds of miles into al-Qaida-controlled territory to storm a heavily armed terrorist compound. If things had gone horribly wrong, Trump would have been blamed and borne the consequences. Just ask Jimmy Carter how the

Marc A. Thiessen



Desert One disaster affected his reelection. Trump knew the political risks but gave the order to go anyway.

Would Joe Biden have done the same? Unlikely.

The former vice president advised Barack Obama not to carry out the raid that killed Osama bin Laden. As Mark Bowden, author of "The Finish: The Killing of Osama bin Laden," explained in 2012, "The only major dissenters were Biden and [then-Defense Secretary Robert] Gates, and before the raid was launched, Gates would change his mind." During a meeting in the Situation Room, Biden later recalled, Obama turned to him and asked, "Joe, what do you think?" Biden answered, "Mr. President, my suggestion is don't go." Worse, his reason had nothing to do with national security. According to Bowden, Biden told the president that "if the effort failed, Obama could say goodbye to a second term." At the moment America had the man responsible for the 9/11 attacks in her sights, Biden was worried about politics, the absolute last thing a commander in chief should be thinking about in such circumstances. In the end, Bowden writes, "every one of the president's top advisers except Biden was in favor of immediate action."

Yet, rather than praise Trump for ordering the killing of Baghdadi, Biden blasted the president, declaring the raid succeeded "despite his ineptitude as commander in chief." The man who opposed the bin Laden operation criticizes the man who approved the Baghdadi operation? That's rich. And it was the Obama-Biden administration's withdrawal from Iraq in 2011 that allowed the Islamic State to rise from the ashes of defeat and build a caliphate the size of Britain. Talk about ineptitude.

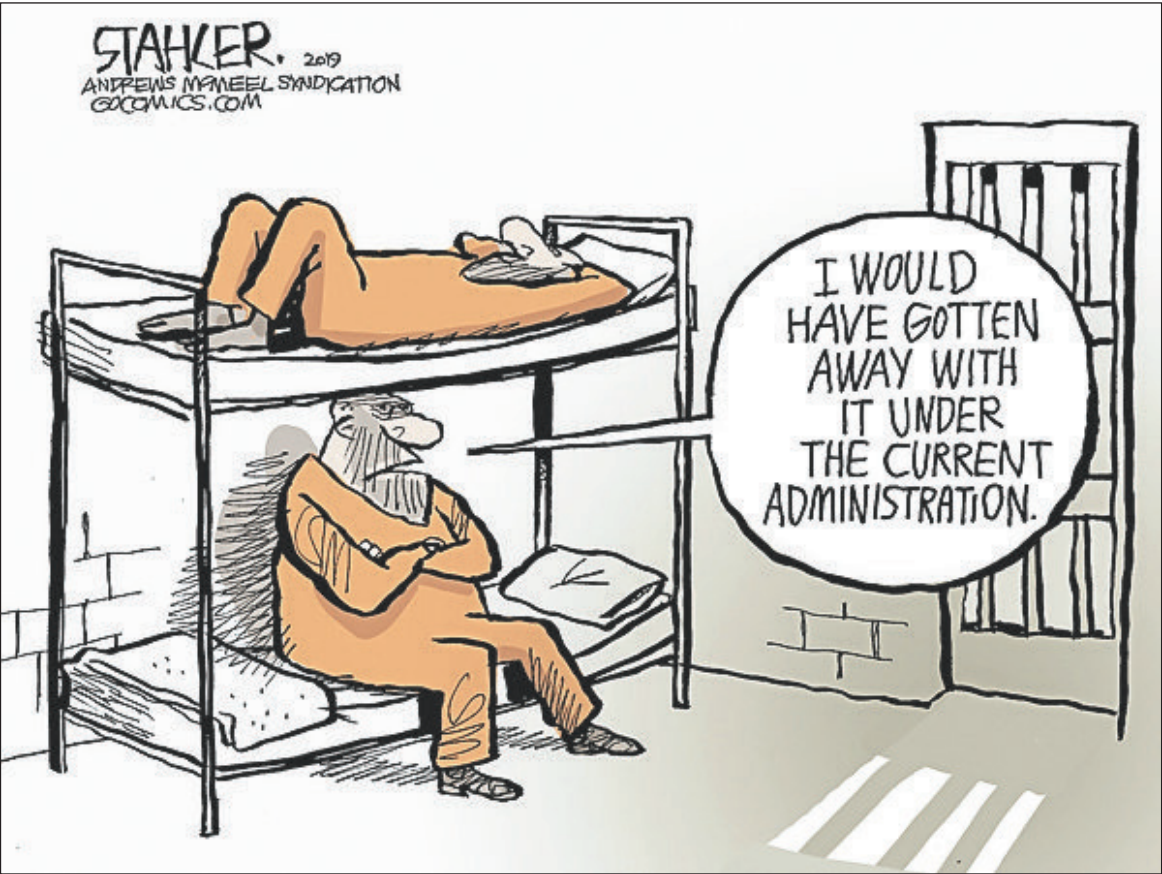
Obama's rejection of Biden's advice not to go after bin Laden does not absolve Obama of criticism for his broader policy in the fight against terrorism. After the bin Laden operation, many pointed out the irony that Obama's signature national security accomplishment was made possible by information gained from the CIA interrogation program that he had shut down on his third day in office. As former acting CIA director Mike Morrell has explained, the key piece of intelligence that led the CIA to bin Laden — information on bin Laden's principal courier, including his nickname Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti — came from detainees in CIA custody.

Similarly, Trump's bold decision to go forward with the Baghdadi operation does not absolve him of criticism for his Syria policy. The fact is, taking out the Islamic State leader would not have been possible without the U.S. boots on the ground that Trump has announced he is withdrawing, or without the help of the Kurdish allies whom Trump is abandoning. It was the Kurds who cultivated the source inside Baghdadi's inner circle who gave us actionable intelligence about his location. So, the Kurds not only took 11,000 casualties in the fight to drive the Islamic State from its physical caliphate, but they also gave us the critical lead that led us to Baghdadi's doorstep. It's fair to ask whether the same operation would have been possible six months from now thanks to Trump's drawdown and betrayal of the Kurds.

Our Kurdish allies deserve better. And we still need them. According to a Pentagon inspector general's report, even before Trump's most recent withdrawal announcement, the Islamic State was "resurging in Syria." It has between 14,000 and 18,000 members, as well as about 3,000 foreign fighters under arms in Syria and Iraq. The New York Times reports that before Trump's decision to greenlight Turkey's invasion, Kurdish forces were conducting as many as a dozen counterterrorism missions a day, but now those have ceased. The Kurds were also guarding about 10,000 captured Islamic State fighters, including about 2,000 foreign fighters. Now, according to the State Department, more than 100 of those detainees have escaped and "we do not know where they are."

And while the loss of Baghdadi is a major blow, the Islamic State has survived similar blows before. Thanks to Trump, Baghdadi is dead. But the Islamic State is not. We still need to keep a boot on its neck, and that requires boots on the ground — and allies such as the Kurds.

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New poll poses serious questions about Dem impeachment drive

There's no doubt Democrats in Washington are hell-bent on impeaching President Trump over the Ukraine matter. But after weeks of polling, it is still unclear precisely what Americans outside the Beltway think.

Byron York



Much depends on how pollsters ask their questions. Some are straightforward, while others are a bit more complicated. But in the last few weeks, many have asked a variation of: "Do you support or oppose impeaching President Trump?"

A new poll, however, done by Suffolk University for USA Today, gets at some of the nuance behind public opinion on the president and Ukraine.

The Suffolk pollsters gave 1,000 registered voters an opportunity to choose among three options regarding impeachment. Which did respondents personally prefer?

"A. The House of Representatives should vote to impeach President Trump.

"B. The House should continue investigating Trump, but not vote to impeach him.

"C. Congress should drop its investigations into President Trump and administration."

Thirty-six percent of those polled said the House should vote to impeach; 22 percent said the House should continue investigation but not impeach; and 37 percent said the House should drop its investigations. The last 5 percent did not have an answer or refused to give one.

Looking inside the results, there are some major differences based on party, gender, race and more.

Seventy percent of Democrats said the House should vote to impeach, while just 8 percent of Republicans and 22 percent of independents favored an impeachment vote.

Twenty-one percent of Democrats favored more investigation but not impeachment, while 15 percent of Republicans and 34 percent of independents agreed.

And just 8 percent of Democrats favored dropping the House investigations altogether, while 71 percent of Republicans and 36 percent of independents favored the no-more-investigations option.

Forty-one percent of women supported a House vote to impeach, while just 31 percent of men did. (Nearly equal numbers of women and men, 22 and 23 percent, respectively, wanted to see the investigation continue without impeachment.) Forty-two percent of men wanted to see the investigation dropped entirely, versus 32 percent of women.

Thirty percent of the white voters and 38 percent of Hispanic voters polled wanted a House impeachment vote, versus 73 percent of black voters. Forty-five percent of white voters wanted the matter dropped, along with 28 percent of Hispanic voters, while just 7 percent of black voters favored that result.

The overall message of the poll is that there is a range of opinions among voters that is more complex than much of the yes-impeach-no-don't-impeach commentary in the media today. But the Suffolk questions do leave at least one issue unclear.

The opinions of those who want a House impeachment vote, as well as those who want the House to drop its investigations altogether, are pretty clear. But what about those who say the House should "continue investigating Trump, but not vote to impeach him"? Does "not" mean not vote ever? Does it mean impeach if new evidence is discovered? Or just exercise oversight?

Fortunately, another question in the poll sheds some light on that. It is about the infamous phone conversation between Trump and Ukrai-

nian President Volodymyr Zelensky:

"The White House has released a transcript summary of a July 25th phone call in which President Trump encouraged the Ukrainian president to pursue investigations involving Democratic rival Joe Biden, and hacking allegations in the 2016 election. Which comes closest to your view? A. The phone conversation is an impeachable offense. B. The phone conversation was wrong, but doesn't rise to an impeachable offense. C. There was nothing wrong with the phone conversation."

Thirty-eight percent said the conversation is an impeachable offense. Twenty-one percent said the conversation was wrong, but not impeachable. And 31 percent said there was nothing wrong with the conversation. Ten percent were undecided.

That means, at the moment, according to Suffolk, there is a bare majority that does not believe Trump should be impeached for the phone call — which, of course, is the heart of the Democrats' impeachment effort. The number that believes the call is an impeachable offense, 38 percent, is well below what could be called a groundswell. The 10 percent who haven't decided are important.

The Suffolk numbers suggest many Americans hold complex views of the Trump impeachment. Some are fine with continued investigation, although large numbers don't believe they have yet seen an impeachable offense. The numbers of people who are ready to impeach Trump now, or who believe the whole thing should be called off, are not big enough to win the day.

Just as they did after the release of the Mueller report, Democrats now hope televised hearings will convince Americans that the president must be impeached. It didn't work out before. Now, the Suffolk poll suggests Democrats should be cautious as they try again.

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Add a little fruit and fiber to your morning muffin

BY LYNDA BALSLEV

I don't bake muffins often, but when I do, I try to make them healthy and have them on hand for an easy breakfast or a snack. My issue with muffins is that they often resemble mini-cakes, packed with sugar and fat. To some extent, this can't be avoided if you wish to eat a muffin that doesn't resemble a hockey puck or bird food.

But I adjust, reducing some of the sugar and fat and adding healthy grains or cereals, fruit and nuts to the batter. I also add grated fruit, which is a key ingredient for natural sweetness and moisture.

Grated apple is the star of this recipe, which also includes raisins, chopped nuts and oats for extra fiber. As muffins go, they are reasonably healthy, while sufficiently naughty to indulge a craving for something moist and sweet. You can tweak this recipe if you like – just make sure to follow the ratios. In place of apple, try adding grated carrot, zucchini or pear; and bran can be substituted for the oats. There's no need to peel the fruit. The nutrients in the skin add a little extra healthy boost – I'll take my small victories where I can.

Apple Oat Muffins
Active Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 35 minutes
Yield: Makes 12 (2 1/2-inch) muffins

1/2 cup light brown sugar
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 large eggs, room temperature
1/4 cup unsulphured molasses
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup buttermilk
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup old-fashioned oats
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup raisins
1 medium sweet and crisp apple, such as Honey Crisp,



MUFFINS: Grated apple is the star of this recipe, which also includes raisins, chopped nuts and oats for extra fiber.

grated, about 1 cup
1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Oil a 12-muffin tin (or line with paper liners). Mix the sugar and oil in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Mix in

the molasses and vanilla, and then mix in the butter-milk.

Whisk the flour, oats, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt together in a bowl. Add to the sugar mixture and mix on low speed until just combined, without overmixing. Stir in the raisins, apple and walnuts, if using.

Spoon the batter into the muffin tin or paper liners, filling them. Transfer to the oven and bake until a tester comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Cool 10 minutes in the pan, then remove and cool the muffins completely on a rack. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to two days.

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Actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw dazzles with sheer variety of jobs

BY MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — Sometimes it seems like Gugu Mbatha-Raw is playing some crazy version of show-biz Bingo.

This is a woman who has assembled an astonishing variety of roles in her 36 years. Big-budget Hollywood blockbuster? Sure, "A Wrinkle in Time." What about an 18th-century English drama? Of course, "Belle." Any romantic comedies? Check out "Larry Crowne."

She's been on Broadway, in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" no less. And a classic Disney musical with "Beauty and the Beast." Sci-fi? Of course, look at "Cloverfield Paradox." Voicing a puppet? Check out "The Dark Crystal: Age of Resistance."

"I always like the idea of being a chameleon," Mbatha-Raw says. "I always like to feel like I'm stretching myself and doing something opposite to what I did before. Because that keeps me interested and hopefully keeps other people interested."

The actress has a clutch of projects coming out this fall and they're typically diverse: the film noir feature "Motherless Brooklyn," the flagship Apple TV Plus streaming drama "The Morning Show" and the searing indie film "Farming."

Mbatha-Raw plays a love interest opposite Edward Norton in the actor-director's adaption of Jonathan Lethem's 1999 novel "Motherless Brooklyn" about a private eye with Tourette's syndrome.

Norton went back in time to plunk the story in 1959 and created Mbatha-Raw's character, a community ac-

tivist from Harlem who forges an unexpected bond with the detective.

"They're both overlooked in different ways," she says. "I think they see something in each other where no one else sort of sees them, which I thought was really beautiful."

Mbatha-Raw is an actress who does her research. For "A Wrinkle in Time," she visited NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, so naturally she went to great lengths to get the tone right – walking around Harlem, listening to Miles Davis and Billie Holiday.

"When you're filming in New York, the history is all around you," she says. "And it's such a treat because it really grounds you in a sense of place and time," she said.

Mbatha-Raw goes from the '50s to the present day for "The Morning Show," a series about the cutthroat off-camera world of a morning TV show that stars Jennifer Aniston, Reese Witherspoon and Steve Carell.

She plays an ambitious talent booker and says the show is deeply influenced by our post-#MeToo era media landscape. "It goes to some really interesting dark places," she says. "It's quite juicy and Machiavellian."

Mbatha-Raw graduated from London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts and soon found parts on TV and the stage, like on "Doctor Who" and opposite Jude Law in "Hamlet." Subsequent highlights include the Emmy-winning "Black Mirror" episode "San Junipero" and her first starring film role in "Belle."

Her work often explores race – as she did playing a

biracial aristocrat in "Belle" – but she's also appeared in work in which her own race is not commented on, like in the multicultural cast of "A Wrinkle in Time."

Mbatha-Raw's father grew up under apartheid in South Africa and her mother is white and British. "Identity interests me," she says. "I like the freedom to be a three-dimensional artist that can explore all sides of humanity."

She has steered sharply into the topic of racial identity in one current project – "Farming," the harrowing, real-life tale of an African immigrant to England in the 1970s who somehow became a skinhead. It's based on the life of Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje, who directs, co-stars and wrote the screenplay.

Mbatha-Raw plays a kindly teacher, an amalgam of three or four real people who helped get Akinnuoye-Agbaje's life back on track. The film is a terrifying look at identity and belonging.

"When I first read the script, I thought, 'Oh, this is

brutal. This is really harrowing.' But I think you have to go on that journey. And I think it's one of those ugly parts of our British history that we need to heal from. I think you have to sort of acknowledge these parts of history."

Akinnuoye-Agbaje had worked with Mbatha-Raw before – notable on the film "Concussion" – and needed an actress who exuded benevolence and purity. "While she's an amazing talent as an actress, she has that as a human being," he says. "It's just so effortless for her."

Mbatha-Raw, who in 2017 became a Member of the Order of the British Empire for her services to drama, makes her home in Los Angeles these days. This year marks the 10th anniversary of her first visit to America.

"I definitely consider myself British still, but I love America. I just love the spirit here. I love the work that gets made here. I think it's a fascinating bundle of contradictions and it's a dynamic place to live and work."

Cauliflower 'osso buco'

BY BARBARA SPALDING
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Cauliflower steaks are a great culinary alternative to various animal-based proteins. If you follow a plant-based diet, think about using them in place of beef, veal or other animal proteins. Foods that are rich in vitamin C, like cauliflower, can help with iron absorption. As a cruciferous vegetable that contains phytochemicals, cauliflower may also have cancer-fighting properties.

Cauliflower "Osso Buco"
Makes 3 serving.
Per Serving: 210 calories, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 37 g carbohydrate, 9 g protein, 200 mg sodium.
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients:
1 lb. fresh cauliflower head
1/4 cup white whole-wheat flour
1 Tbsp. olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 carrots, chopped
2 tsp. lemon zest
1 cup no salt added tomato paste
1 1/2 cups low sodium vegetable broth (may need more)
Salt and black pepper, to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Wash and slice cauliflower into "steaks."

Dredge cauliflower in flour (you may need to dip it in wa-

ter briefly first to get the flour to stick).

Place olive oil in large skillet and briefly brown the cauliflower steaks on medium high heat until a rich golden color. Turn at least once during cooking to prevent burning and ensure steaks have a slight golden crust on both sides.

Push cauliflower to the side of the pan (or remove it to a plate if pan is too crowded) and add the garlic, carrots and lemon zest. Sauté for 3-5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the tomato paste and broth and stir until blended. (If you removed the cauliflower from the pan in step 3, add it back to the pan at this time.)

Cover the pan and place in the 350 degree F oven to bake for approximately 45 minutes until the cauliflower is soft and the sauce is blended.

Check on it periodically to ensure there is enough liquid in the pan (you are braising the cauliflower, so the liquid should partially cover it while it cooks).

Adjust seasonings, if needed.

To serve, garnish with gremolata.

To make gremolata: Using a small bowl, combine 4 cloves of finely minced garlic, 1/2 cup washed and finely chopped fresh parsley, and 1 Tbsp. lemon zest. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.



HEALTHY: As a cruciferous vegetable that contains phytochemicals, cauliflower may also have cancer-fighting properties.

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Actor and comedian John Witherspoon dies at age 77

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor-comedian John Witherspoon, who memorably played Ice Cube's father in the "Friday" films, has died. He was 77.

Witherspoon's family issued a statement to the website Deadline saying that Witherspoon died Tuesday in Los Angeles. No cause of death was released.

The actor had a prolific career, co-starring in three "Friday" films, appearing on "The Wayans Bros." television series and voicing the grandfather in "The Boondocks" animated series. His film roles included "Vampire in Brooklyn" and "Boomerang," and he was a frequent guest on "Late Show with David Letterman."

For many, his most recognizable role was "Pops," Ice Cube's father in the stoner comedy "Friday" and its two sequels, a crude but affectionate father trying to guide his son to be better.

"Life won't be as funny without him," Ice Cube said in a Twitter post late Tuesday, adding that he was devastated by news of Witherspoon's death.

Regina King, who appeared as Witherspoon's daughter in "Friday" and also voiced both of his grandsons in the animated series "The Boondocks" called him her "comedic inspiration" on Twitter.

The family's statement expressed shock at Witherspoon's death. It said Witherspoon is survived by his wife, Angela, and sons JD and Alexander.

JD Witherspoon tweeted that he was happy for all the great times he and his dad had together.

"We'd roast each other like homies more than Father & Son, and I really liked that. He was my best friend & my idol," JD Witherspoon posted. "Love U Dad...I'll miss u."

The actor-comedian was born Jan. 27, 1942.

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Fed cuts rates a 3rd time this year but signals likely pause

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
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WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate Wednesday for the third time this year to try to sustain the economic expansion in the face of global threats. But it hinted that it won't likely cut again this year.

The Fed's move reduces the short-term rate it controls — which influences many consumer and business loans — to a range between 1.5 percent and 1.75 percent.

A statement the Fed released after its latest policy meeting removed a key phrase that it has used since June to indicate a future rate cut is likely. This could mean that Fed officials will prefer to leave rates alone while they assess how the economy fares in the months ahead.

The immediate reaction in the stock and bond markets was muted as traders awaited a news conference from Chairman Jerome Powell.

The phrase the Fed dropped Wednesday from its policy statement had said it would "act as appropriate to sustain the expansion." This was its

signal that it expected to continue easing credit to aid the economy. In its new statement, the Fed said instead that it will review the latest economic data as "it assesses the appropriate path" for its benchmark interest rate.

The statement made few changes to the Fed's description of the economy, which it said was rising at "a moderate rate." It noted that job gains have been solid and pointed to strength in consumer spending. But it also pointed out that business investment and exports "remain weak."

Two of the Fed's policy-makers dissented from the decision: Boston Fed President Eric Rosengren and Kansas City Fed President Esther George said they preferred to leave rates alone. Both have dissented from all three rate cuts this year.

The economy is in its 11th year of expansion, fueled by consumer spending and a solid if slightly weakened job market. By cutting rates, the Fed has tried to counter uncertainties heightened by President Donald Trump's trade conflicts, a weaker

global economy and a decline in U.S. manufacturing.

The third rate cut of the year has partly reversed the four hikes that the Fed made last year in response to a strengthening economy. That was before rising global risks led the Fed to change course and begin easing credit. Lower rates are intended to encourage more borrowing and spending.

Powell has said that the central bank's rate reductions are intended as a kind of insurance against threats to the economy. Powell has pointed to similar rate cuts in 1995 and 1998 as precedents; in both those cases, the Fed cut rates three times. He and most other Fed officials credit their rate cuts with lowering mortgage rates, boosting home sales and generally keeping the economy on track.

The Fed is also weighing the consequences of a decline in expectations for inflation. Lower inflation expectations can be self-fulfilling. This can pose a problem for the Fed because its preferred inflation gauge has been stuck below its 2

percent target for most of the past seven years.

In the meantime, Trump, via Twitter, has renewed his attacks on the Fed for not lowering its benchmark rate closer to zero. The president has contrasted the Fed's actions unfavorably with central banks in Europe and Japan, which have slashed their rates into negative territory. Though Trump has argued that this puts the United States at a competitive disadvantage, most economists regard negative rates as a sign of weakness.

Some international tensions have eased since the Fed previously met in mid-September, which might suggest to some that further rate cuts are less necessary. The U.S. and China reached a temporary trade truce earlier this month and are working on a preliminary agreement that could be signed soon by Trump and President Xi Jinping. It's not clear, though, how meaningful such an agreement might be, and Trump hasn't dropped his threat to impose new tariffs on Chinese goods on Dec. 15.

McConnell: Impeachment measure would deny Trump his 'basic rights'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The impeachment resolution pushed by House Democrats would deny President Donald Trump the "most basic rights of due process," the Senate's top Republican said Wednesday, sharply criticizing the leaders behind the measure.

The House was expected to vote Thursday as Democrats look to counter protests from Trump and his Republicans allies that the impeachment process is illegitimate and unfair. The resolution calls for open hearings and requires the House Intelligence Committee to submit a report outlining its findings and recommendations.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., used a floor speech to go after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., saying that "instead of setting a high bar, House Democrats seem determined to set a new low."

McConnell said the reso-

lution would deny the "most basic rights of due process" to Trump such as having his lawyer participate in closed-door depositions by the committee.

Schiff has led interviews of key witnesses, seeking to establish that Trump abused his office by withholding crucial military aid to Ukraine in hopes of getting Ukraine's new government to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

Democrats compare the committee's role in the investigation to a fact-finding grand jury proceeding in which the accused does not have rights to counsel. They say the resolution establishes rights comparable to episodes such the 1998-1999 impeachment and trial of President Bill Clinton.

In Clinton's case, independent counsel Ken Starr conducted an extensive investigation and delivered boxes of sworn testimony that he said likely constituted grounds for impeachment.

PULSE

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"Halloweeners" for trick-or-treating on from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

Wabash VFW to host Trunk-or-Treat planned

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Wabash #286 will host Trunk-or-Treat from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31 in the parking lot of 3678 W. Old Indiana 24.

Halloween Costume Party at Living Well Downtown

Bring a snack to share from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at 35 E. Market St. Call 260-563-4475 for more information.

Manchester celebrates Day of the Dead

On Thursday, Oct. 31, Associate Professor of Spanish Arturo Yañez will speak about the Day of the Dead-El Día de los Muertos and address the tradition and meaning of this important Mexican holiday. This brief program begins at 9:30 a.m. on the first floor of the Funderburg Library.

Panel discussion planned at Manchester

A panel discussion moderated by Professor of English Beate Gilliar about "Sweet Life and Other Dying Matters" will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31 in the Lahman Room of the Jo Young Switzer Center.

'Faces of Change' exhibit to open

The Wabash County Historical Museum will be unveiling its new permanent exhibit, "Faces of Change," at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 at 36 E. Market St

First Friday canned food drive planned

On First Friday, look for the orange T-shirts from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 1 at 74 W. Canal St. as students from the Access Learning Academy (ALA) partner with local organizations to fight hunger.

Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 17, 23, 24, 29 and 30. Dec. 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21. (Nov. 1 is a First Friday. Shops are open until 8 p.m.)

November First Friday details announced

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday encourages the community to celebrate in downtown Wabash from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

'On the Table' discussions planned for Friday, Nov. 1

Discussions are planned for 11 a.m. to noon at Grow Wabash County, 214 S. Wabash St., facilitated by Keith Gillenwater; and 5 to 8 p.m. at Chapman's Brewing Company, 233 S. Miami St., facilitated by Melissa Ford and Tenille Zartman.

Southwood to host robotics tournament Saturday

More than 300 elementary, middle and high school VEX Challenge students and mentors from around Wabash, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis will unite starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at Southwood Jr/Sr High School for the VEX Challenge tournament. Admission is free and open to the general public.

Early voting begins at clerk's office

Early voting will be held from 8 a.m. to noon through Saturday, Nov. 2, and again on Monday, Nov. 4 in the Wabash County Clerks' office in the Wabash County Judicial Center, 69 W. Hill St.

Early voting begins in North Manchester

Early voting in North Manchester will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Nov. 2 at the Timbercrest Retirement Community, 2201 East St, North Manchester. Also, from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 1 at the Peabody Retirement Community, 400 W. 7th St., North Manchester, in the Aerobics Room. Enter through the front entrance or the Health Center entrance off of 9th Street.

LaFontaine's annual Small Town Expo planned

LaFontaine is hosting the ninth annual Small Town Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the LaFontaine Community Building, 105 W. Branson St.

Christ United Methodist Church to host Fall Festival

Christ United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at 477 N. Wabash St. Among the items for sale are homemade noodles, homemade toffee and other baked goods, soups and Sloppy Joes. There will be over 20 local craftspeople and vendors. Continental breakfast items will be available until 10:30 a.m. and a \$5 light lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will also be chances sold on two different raffle baskets worth \$50 each.

Honeywell Center to host photography show reception

A public reception will take place at the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4. Please RSVP to Michele Hughes at mhughes@honeywellcenter.org or to the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Student matinee musical performances scheduled

The Honeywell Foundation's Educational Outreach Program is presenting two student matinee musical performances of "Judy Moody & Stink" at 10 a.m. and noon Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Ford Theater. Tickets to see "Judy Moody & Stink" are \$10 for the public, \$6 per student for schools, with one free adult ticket for every 10 students. For more information, please contact the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Author to share stories Nov. 6 at WCPL

The Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) will host author Kayleen Reusser at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 in the library's program room. Reusser will share stories from her new book, "It Was Our War Too: Youth in the Shadows of WWII." Autographed copies of the book will be available for sale. Register by calling 260-563-2972 or visiting www.wabash.lib.in.us/eventscalendar.

VFW to host breakfast on Nov. 9

VFW Post #286 Wabash will be hosting a breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. All veterans eat free. Open to the public. Come join us as we honor our Veterans. Look for us at local businesses all weekend with our annual Poppy Drive, too.

VFW to host Veterans Day weekend concert

VFW Post #286 Wabash will host a concert from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 9. Come honor and support our veterans and enjoy music by The Prime Suspects. Food, raffles, cold drinks, rock 'n' roll music and more will be available.

Holiday Bazaar planned for Saturday, Nov. 9

Zion Lutheran Church is planning a Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at 173 Hale Drive. Decorations, crafts, raffle, noodles, gift items, baked items and candy will be available.

North Manchester native speaks on modeling career

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will

welcome home Murph Darnon at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 in the Assembly Room at Timbercrest Retirement Center, 2201 East St. It is open to the public at no cost and will be enjoyable for audiences of all ages.

Contemporary music for solo piano performance at Manchester

The Manchester University Department of Music presents a solo piano recital by guest artist Martin Jones at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 in Wine Recital Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Honeywell House presents 'An American in China'

The Honeywell House welcomes Elizabeth Myers Macinata to present "An American in China During World War II," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 720 N. Wabash St. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged, as seating is limited. Please visit www.HoneywellHouse.org or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102 for more information.

Tippecanoe Audubon Society to present endangered birds program

The Tippecanoe Audubon

Society will present a program by Matt Williams, author of the recent book, "Endangered and Disappearing Birds of the Midwest," at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Manchester University. The program will be given in the Jo Young Switzer Center (Student Union), Speicher Room (second floor). Dinner will be available at 6 p.m. for \$15. For further information or to make a dinner reservation, call Dave Hicks at 260-982-2471 or email djhicks@manchester.edu.

Program at Manchester offers skills to deal with conflict

The hour-long program is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. It is free and open to the public. Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter, INDAR will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be given by retired U.S. National Guard Army veteran, Helen Hile. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family

history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

MU invites students, parents to Spartan Day

The school is hosting Spartan Day on Saturday, Nov. 16 at its campus in North Manchester. It is from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and includes a complimentary lunch.

National Take-A-Hike Day: Swift Grand Tour planned

From noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, ACRES Land Trust volunteers will keep the hiking pace swift. Fuel up your vehicle and join in this fast-walking 6-mile grand tour with built-in breaks as you are caravanning from preserve to preserve. Restrooms are available at Asherwood. The trip concludes with sunset views of the Seven Pillars of the Mississinewa Landmark. Other preserve visits include Kokiwanee, Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run, Asherwood and Pehkokia Woods. Space is limited. For starting location and other information, RSVP to outreach@acreslandtrust.org or 260-637-2273 by Wednesday, Nov. 13.

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Alabama offers reward for missing stepdaughter of UFC star

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The state of Alabama is offering a \$5,000 reward for information about the missing stepdaughter of Ultimate Fighting Championship heavyweight Walt Harris.

The governor’s office announced the reward Wednesday for information about 19-year-old Aniah Haley Blanchard.

A statement says the money is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction. Police initially said there wasn’t any indication of foul play but now say it’s possible.

The Southern Union State Community College student was last seen a week ago in Auburn, and police later found her damaged car at an apartment complex in Montgomery about 55 miles (90 kilometers) away. Auburn police on Monday released video showing her in a store the day she was last seen.

Harris and other relatives have issued pleas for information about her whereabouts.

NCAA investigating No. 12 Seton Hall; Willard out 2 games

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — The NCAA has launched an investigation into the basketball program at No. 12 Seton Hall. The university announced the probe Tuesday, saying coach Kevin Willard is sitting out the Pirates’ exhibition against Misericordia that night and the season opener on Nov. 5 against Wagner.

Seton Hall didn’t say what the NCAA enforcement staff was investigating, but it was working with the ruling body for college sports. The school said in a statement it was being proactive in its review. Assistant coach Grant Billmeier will coach the team for the two games Willard is out. The Big East school, which has made the last four NCAA Tournaments, said Willard is responsible for the program, including the infraction that’s being investigated.

Submit your news

The Plain Dealer is accepting all news, varsity, junior varsity, middle school, elementary school and non-school affiliated recreational sports. To get a brief in the newspaper, please provide final score and any highlights pertaining to the event, including first and last names of participants. Reports must be received by 3:00 p.m. to make it in the following day’s edition. Items may be:

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



FILE PHOTO

SOCCER: Manchester’s Caleb Stout (right) shoots the ball during the Squires’ sectional final game against Culver Academies this fall.

Kruschwitz, Stout highlight All-Conference selections

BY JACOB RUDE sports@wabashplainealer.com

A record-breaking and historic season for the Manchester boys’ soccer season resulted in seven Squires earning All-Conference honors this fall. The forward duo of Harley Kruschwitz and Caleb Stout, the two most prolific scorers in program history, lead the way for the Squires while defenders Sam Reichenbach, Justin Self and Klayton Hendrix and midfielders Ridge Fierstos and Hunter Klutz join the tandem on the All-Three Rivers Conference list.

Wabash also earned a trio of honorees after finishing

second in the standings in Wyatt Davis, Traydon Goodwin and Mario Melendez.

Kruschwitz not only finished atop the conference goal-scoring list, the senior led the state in goals on the year with 51 while also adding 23 assists. Stout finished second on the team, in the conference and in the program’s history in goal with 28 on the year, giving him 91 career goals.

Klutz finished with four goals and nine assists while Hendrix had a goal and three assists. The Squire defense combined to allow just 23 goals on the season

while sealing nine shutouts on the year as well.

For Wabash, Davis finished with 11 goals to lead the Apaches with Melendez close behind with 10. The two finished with nine and eight assists, respectively, as well on the season. Goodwin had a goal and three assists on the year.

Rounding out the rest of the All-Conference team was Caleb Winegardner of Maconaquah, Zach Pickens and Wade Shafer of Rochester and Jorje Rosas of Tippecanoe Valley. Following Manchester in first and Wabash in second in the final standings were Tippecanoe Valley in third, Maconaquah in fourth, Rochester in fifth, North Miami in sixth and Whitko in seventh.

Honorable mentions from Wabash County were Dyson Rosen and Logan Bishop of Manchester and Grant Carandante and Anthony Long of Wabash. Maconaquah’s Nolyn Tubb and Bryant Teegardin, Gavin Dyson and Trey Mettler of North Miami, Jonah Hupenthal and Kamon Blang of Peru, Jared Adley and Kaleb Shaffer of Rochester and Arturo Dominguez and Jon Ruiz of Tippecanoe Valley also earned honorable mention honors.

NFL

Brissett’s strengths shine through for Colts

BY MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Quarterback Jacoby Brissett kept it simple last weekend.

He let the Indianapolis Colts’ ground game set up the short passing game, connected with open receivers and even took advantage of open running lanes he found.

Then, when Brissett needed to make the big play, he did that, too. With less than two minutes to go, Brissett shrugged off perennial Pro Bowl linebacker Von Miller in the end zone, barely avoided stepping out of bounds for a safety and hooked up with T.Y. Hilton along the sideline for a 35-yard completion to start the Colts’ winning drive.

Brissett and his teammates expected nothing less.

“Everything he did Sunday, I watched him do it in college,” said running back Nyheim Hines, who played one season with Brissett at North Carolina State. “Even that play, with Von Miller, he’s been doing that for a long time, probably as long as he’s played. It just goes to show you the kind of player he is.”

Hines and the Colts organization knew what Brissett could do if given the chance because they’d seen it repeatedly on the practice field for more than two years. So when Andrew Luck retired in August, the Colts simply moved on and embraced their capable new starter.

Now Brissett seems to be taking bigger, bolder steps each week. Two weeks ago, he delivered the best passing game of his career in a victory over Houston, throwing for 326 yards and four touchdowns

to put the Colts (5-2) atop the AFC South.

Last weekend, he rallied the Colts from a 10-point, third-quarter deficit. He capped the comeback with a seven-play, 56-yard drive that consumed all but 22 seconds of the final 1:48, setting set up Adam Vinatieri’s winning field goal. And it all started with Brissett’s great escape.

“He’s very confident in his ability and he’s very tough to bring down,” Hilton said. “Going out there and still being able to make that play — it was a pretty routine catch for me, but the throw was amazing.”

Brissett’s style reminds some of two-time Super Bowl winner Ben Roethlisberger.

At 6-foot-4, 238 pounds, he’s big enough to toss aside pass rushers, nimble enough

to evade others and buy extra time, and strong enough to throw deep on the run. On Sunday, the Pittsburgh Steelers (3-5) will get an up-close look.

And while he’s willing to take chances, Brissett manages to limit the miscues.

As a result, Brissett already has matched his victory total from the first 19 starts of his career and his rating (99.3) puts him ahead of Tom Brady, Lamar Jackson, Philip Rivers, Carson Wentz, Jimmy Garoppolo and Jared Goff. His rating even is better than any single-season total Andrew Luck recorded.

Only six players have thrown more touchdowns than Brissett (14) and only six have thrown fewer interceptions than Brissett (three).

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INDYCAR

McLaren confirms Askew and O’Ward for lineup

BY JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — From the moment McLaren said it was teaming with Sam Schmidt’s IndyCar team, all participants stressed that popular veteran James Hinchcliff would be part of the team in 2020.

Then a pair of young drivers became available and the Canadian was unexpectedly dumped from his ride. Arrow McLaren SP officially named Indy Lights champions Pato O’Ward and Oliver Askew as its drivers for 2020 on Wednesday.

Hinchcliff began driving for Sam Schmidt in 2015, the

year he nearly bled to death when a part on his car broken in a crash at Indianapolis Motor Speedway pierced his leg. He is under contract to the team but being replaced by 2018 Lights champion O’Ward. Askew sealed a deal to replace Marcus Ericsson in the second seat after wrapping up this year’s Lights title.

“James Hinchcliff has concluded his IndyCar racing duties with the team,” the team said. “While James will cease racing for the team in 2020, he remains under contract with Arrow McLaren SP but is free to seek and secure alternative options.”

Hinchcliff was already in

a bind because of his ties to Honda and personal services agreement as a spokesman. But Honda won’t work with McLaren because of a bitter breakup in Formula One, so the existing Schmidt team will move to Chevrolet in 2020. That move was going to cost Hinchcliff significant money, but he was committed to staying with the team and had repeated public assurances from co-owner Schmidt and McLaren CEO Zak Brown that Hinchcliff would be back.

Instead, O’Ward gained a release from Red Bull Racing that made the 20-year-old available to join the 22-year-

old Askew in what will be the youngest team in the IndyCar paddock. Hinchcliff learned he was out Sunday night. As a driver under contract with no reason to believe he’d be released, Hinchcliff was not part of the active free agent market and now finds himself scrambling for a job with very few seats available. Ericsson knew he was out as soon as McLaren came aboard and the Swede landed a seat with Chip Ganassi Racing, one of the top teams in IndyCar.

“It’s a gut-wrenching decision, but we were faced with an opportunity to pick up these

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

High stakes even as top teams rest

BY RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

Instead of focusing on the teams that are off this weekend in college football — and there are a lot of good teams not playing — let’s enjoy the ones that are in action.

No. 6 Florida against No. 8 Georgia has become a big game again in the Southeastern Conference after a brief hiatus. For five straight seasons from 2013-17, no more than one of the participants in the World’s Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party was ranked when they faced off in Jacksonville, Florida.

Now, for the second straight season, it’s a top-10 matchup with the winner holding the inside track to the SEC championship game in Atlanta.

In Memphis, the 24th-ranked Tigers and No. 15 SMU are good enough to bring ESPN’s “College GameDay” to Beale Street. It’s a game with huge implications in the American Athletic Conference and the race for the Group of Five spot in the New Year’s Six bowls.

The Pac-12 has renewed hope of sending a team to the College Football Playoff for the first time in three seasons after a spate of upsets in recent weeks. The league’s top contenders, No. 7 Oregon and No. 9 Utah, are on the road against teams that have been in and out of the rankings this season.

The Ducks head to Southern California, which beat Utah in September. The Utes are at Washington, which nearly knocked off Oregon two weeks ago.

See, you won’t miss No. 1 LSU, No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Ohio State, No. 5 Penn State, No. 10 Oklahoma, No. 13 Minnesota, No. 18 Wisconsin, No. 19 Iowa and No. 25 San Diego State at all. The picks:

THURSDAY

West Virginia (plus 17½) at No. 12 Baylor

Major college football teams averaging more than 7.0 yards per play on offense and fewer than 5.0 allowed on defense: LSU, Alabama, Ohio State, Clemson, UCF and Baylor ... BAYLOR 38-14.

Georgia Southern (plus 15) at No. 20 Appalachian State

App State is 3-2 against its former FCS Southern Conference rival since they both moved to the Sun Belt in 2014 ... APP STATE 35-17, BEST BET.

SATURDAY

Wofford (no line) at No. 4 Clemson

Tigers might as well be off, too ... CLEMSON 56-10.

No. 6 Florida (plus 6½) vs. No. 8 Georgia at Jacksonville, Florida

Gators will have their two stud pass rushers, Jonathan Greenard and Jabari Zuniga, back and healthy together for the first time

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SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	0	0	1.000	250	61
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	134	122
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	77	185
Miami	0	7	0	.000	77	238

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	158	151
Houston	5	3	0	.625	212	188
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500	173	163
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	148	135

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	214	156
Pittsburgh	3	4	0	.429	150	145
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	133	181
Cincinnati	0	8	0	.000	124	210

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	226	181
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	151	192
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	157	157
Denver	2	6	0	.250	125	151

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	190	124
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	202	198
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	158	219
Washington	1	7	0	.125	99	195

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	1	0	.875	195	156
Carolina	4	3	0	.571	179	184
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	196	212
Atlanta	1	7	0	.125	165	250

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	215	163
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	211	132
Detroit	3	4	1	.500	180	186
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	128	122

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	7	0	0	1.000	207	77
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	208	196
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	214	174
Arizona	3	4	1	.438	170	223

Today's Game
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston vs Jacksonville at London, 9:30 a.m.

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Open: L.A. Rams, New Orleans, Atlanta, Cincinnati

Monday's Game
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m.

NFL Leaders Week 8						
AFC						
Quarterbacks						
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int	
Rivers, LAC	305	202	2315	12	7	
Dalton, CIN	338	204	2252	9	8	
Brady, NE	309	200	2251	13	4	
D. Watson, HOU	274	190	2231	16	5	
Mathews, KC	241	157	2180	15	1	
Mahomes, JAC	260	161	1976	13	2	
Flacco, OAK	262	171	1822	6	5	
D. Carr, DEN	219	158	1695	11	4	
Mayfield, CLE	229	132	1690	6	12	
L. Jackson, BAL	215	136	1650	11	5	
Rushers						
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
Fournette, JAC	163	791	4.9	81	1	
N. Chubb, CLE	134	738	5.5	88t	6	
J. Jacobs, OAK	124	620	5.0	51	4	
M. Mack, IND	138	590	4.3	63t	3	
D. Henry, TEN	151	581	3.8	34	5	
L. Jackson, BAL	83	576	6.9	36	3	
C. Hyde, HOU	130	544	4.2	26	3	
Lindsay, DEN	109	492	4.5	32	4	
Receivers						
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
Chark, JAC	39	660	16.9	69	6	
Co. Sutton, DEN	39	636	16.3	70t	3	
D. Johnson, HOU	60	617	10.3	38	3	
K. Allen, LAC	51	617	12.1	34	3	
Kelece, KC	42	604	14.4	42	2	
Edelman, NE	53	574	10.8	36	4	
Boyd, CIN	51	536	10.5	47	1	
Jr. Brown, BUF	38	527	13.9	38t	2	
Ekeler, LAC	51	507	9.9	55t	5	
J. Landry, CLE	30	504	16.8	65	0	

Punters						
	No	Yds	Lg	Avg		
T. Long, LAC	25	1215	60	48.6		
A. Cole, OAK	30	1436	60	47.9		
Kern, TEN	47	2216	70	47.1		
Berry, PIT	29	1365	62	47.1		
L. Edwards, NYJ	46	2162	63	47.0		
Haack, MIA	33	1541	62	46.7		
Koch, BAL	18	840	57	46.7		
Gillan, CLE	32	1467	71	45.8		
Sanchez, IND	25	1124	60	45.0		
Punt Returners						
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
Cy. Jones, BAL	10	106	10.6	25	0	
Rogers, IND	9	90	10.0	19	0	
Olshewski, NE	20	179	9.0	22	0	
D. Carter, HOU	14	124	8.9	23	0	
Spencer, DEN	20	152	7.6	42	0	
A. Roberts, BUF	14	76	5.4	13	0	
Westbrook, JAC	14	73	5.2	24	0	
Thomas, KC	13	55	4.2	10	0	
Kickoff Returners						
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
Hilliard, CLE	10	292	29.2	74	0	
Grant, MIA	14	319	22.8	39	0	
Hardman, KC	10	223	22.3	29	0	
J. Hill, BAL	10	203	20.3	46	0	
Scoring Touchdowns						
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts	
Ekeler, LAC	8	3	5	0	48	
M. Ingram, BAL	7	7	0	0	44	
Chark, JAC	6	0	6	0	36	
N. Chubb, CLE	6	6	0	0	36	
Conner, PIT	6	4	2	0	36	
D. Henry, TEN	6	5	1	0	36	
Michel, NE	6	6	0	0	36	
D. Watson, HOU	5	5	0	0	32	
Fells, HOU	5	0	5	0	30	
T. Hilton, IND	5	0	5	0	30	
Kicking						
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts		
Lambo, JAC	12/13	21/21	48	75		
Butker, KC	25/26	15/18	46	70		
Tucker, BAL	20/20	16/16	51	68		
Boswell, PIT	15/15	13/14	49	54		
Fairbairn, HOU	21/25	11/14	50	54		
McManus, DEN	9/10	14/17	53	51		
Bullock, CIN	13/13	11/13	48	46		
Vinateri, IND	13/17	11/15	55	46		
Seibert, OAK	11/13	10/10	48	41		
Carlson, CLE	19/19	6/7	45	37		

NFC						
Quarterbacks						
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int	
Goff, LA	311	192	2367	11	7	
Rodgers, GB	283	185	2324	16	2	
Ryan, ATL	285	202	2170	15	8	
R. Wilson, SEA	250	171	2127	17	1	
Prescott, DAL	238	168	2123	12	7	
Stafford, DET	250	161	2093	16	4	
Winston, TAM	263	153	2072	14	12	
Cousins, MIN	215	155	1997	13	3	
K. Murray, ARI	292	186	1988	7	4	
Wentz, PHI	264	164	1821	14	4	
Rushers						
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
D. Cook, MIN	156	823	5.3	75t	9	
McCaffrey, CAR	141	735	5.2	84t	8	
C. Carson, SEA	159	659	4.1	25	3	
E. Elliott, DAL	135	602	4.5	27	6	
A. Jones, GB	114	466	4.1	18t	8	
Breida, SF	84	446	5.3	83t	1	
J. Howard, PHI	100	443	4.4	20	5	
A. Peterson, WAS	97	383	3.9	29	1	
Barkley, NYG	74	373	5.0	59	2	
Kamara, NO	86	373	4.3	28	1	

Receivers						
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
M. Thomas, NO	73	875	12.0	42	4	
Kupp, LA	58	792	13.7	66	5	
Ju. Jones, ATL	50	712	14.2	54t	6	
S. Diggs, MIN	37	706	19.1	66	4	
Godwin, TAM	47	705	15.0	30	6	
M. Evans, TAM	38	662	17.4	67t	6	
A. Cooper, DAL	38	621	16.3	53t	5	
Lockett, SEA	46	615	13.4	44t	4	
Hooper, ATL	52	591	11.4	34	5	
Robinson, CHI	46	526	11.4	32	3	
Punters						
	No	Yds	Lg	Avg		
Way, WAS	39	1957	66	50.2		
J. Scott, GB	38	1828	66	48.1		
A. Lee, ARI	28	1338	59	47.8		
Johnston, CAR	29	1375	60	47.4		
Palardy, PHI	35	1650	58	47.1		
Colquitt, MIN	24	1119	59	46.6		
Hekker, LA	26	1202	71	46.2		
Dickson, SEA	35	1616	60	46.2		
O'Donnell, CHI	35	1608	75	45.9		
Morstead, NO	32	1451	64	45.3		
Punt Returners						
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
Cohen, CHI	16	190	11.9	71	0	
R. James, SF	19	206	10.8	32	0	

ON THE AIR						
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ESPNU: Georgia Southern at Appalachian State						
COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)						
7 p.m. BTN: Wisconsin at Penn State						
COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)						
7 p.m. FS1: TCU at West Virginia						
GOLF						
12:30 p.m. GOLF: PGA Tour: The Bermuda Championship, first round, Southampton, Bermuda						
5 p.m. GOLF: LPGA Tour: The Swinging Skirts Taiwan Championship, first round, Yangmei, Taiwan						
10 p.m. GOLF: PGA Tour: The HSBC Champions, second round, Shanghai						
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS						
8 p.m. ESPN2: PFL Playoffs: Heavyweight and Light Heavyweight, Las Vegas						

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GOLF

McIlroy looking to end a great year on a big note

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI — Already the FedEx Cup champion and PGA Tour player of the year, Rory McIlroy has found plenty of motivation toward the back end of the year.

Most of it is geared toward reaping rewards next year.

McIlroy is coming off a tie for third last week in Japan, a tournament he was never going to win after a bad start. He still managed his 17th top 10 of the year out of 23 tournaments worldwide, inching a little closer to Brooks Koepka at No. 1 in the world.

“I don’t think I’ll get there by the end of the year,” McIlroy said Wednesday at the HSBC Champions, the final World Golf Championships event of the year. “But if I play well the next few weeks,

I’ll have a great platform going into next year.”

He is the leading figure at Sheshan International, where the field is slightly weaker than years past because Koepka and Dustin Johnson, two regulars at the HSBC Champions, are home in Florida recovering from knee issues.

Koepka will not play another official event the rest of the year. He withdrew from the CJ Cup in South Korea when his foot slipped on a piece of wet cement leaving a tee box and he planted hard with his left knee, which had received stem cell treatment during his offseason.

He chose not to play the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas, and still to be determined is whether he plays the Presidents Cup. McIl-

roy has the HSBC Champions and the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai, with hopes of narrowing the gap.

McIlroy started the year at No. 8 and moved up to No. 2 through his three victories, including The Players Championship and Tour Championship, along with runner-up finishes in two World Golf Championships.

“I’ve achieved most things that I’ve wanted to this year,” McIlroy said. “Just want to finish the year off strongly because I feel the year that I’ve had deserves a finish like that.”

What he didn’t achieve was winning a major, making it five years since his last major tile. He also has gone four years since capturing a WGC event, though he has performed well in them this

year — runner-up to Johnson in Mexico and Koepka in Memphis, a bitter loss in the fourth round to Tiger Woods in Texas at the Match Play.

Xander Schauffele is the defending champion at the HSBC Champions, and he’ll try to win again without much of a voice. Schauffele got sick during the ZoZo Championship in Japan last week and withdrew from the pro-am Wednesday to try to be in fighting shape.

The field also features resurgent Hideki Matsuyama, who tied for third in South Korea and was runner-up to Woods last week before a frenzied gallery in his native Japan; and Justin Rose, who also wants to finish the year strong for other reasons.

Rose, who was No. 1 in the world for the opening two

months of the year, has gone the opposite direction of McIlroy. He is at No. 8, and hopes to get back on track at the tournament where he rallied from eight shots behind to win in 2017.

He is at No. 29 in the Race to Dubai, a long shot to win, although he was quick to point out that was the position he was in two years ago. He won in Shanghai, he won the following week in Turkey and nearly pulled it off in Dubai.

“I’ve probably got to win the last three to challenge the guys that are doing really well, but that’s the situation I put myself in 2017 and I very nearly did it,” Rose said. “Looking forward to going back to the well and trying again.”

One change this year for

Rose is his travel schedule. Unlike 2017, when he played two weeks, flew home to the Bahamas and then returned to Dubai, he is going to London after two weeks to ease the wear-and-tear of travel.

The HSBC Champions is the last chance for players to audition as wild-card picks for the Presidents Cup, and most everyone on the bubble is here — Tony Finau, Patrick Reed, Kevin Kisner and Chez Reavie for the Americans, a longer list of International players from Sungjae Im and Byeong Hun An of South Korea, Adam Hadwin and Corey Connors of Canada, Justin Harding and Erik van Rooyen of South Africa.

Reavie is among 18 players who have gone to all three PGA Tour events on the Asia swing.

NFL

49ers look to end 8-game skid vs. NFC West rival Cardinals

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

Jim Tomsula and Chip Kelly couldn’t do it in their one season as head coach in San Francisco. Kyle Shanahan hasn’t done it in two years with the 49ers.

The past three coaches in San Francisco have combined to lose eight straight games against the NFC West rival Cardinals heading into the first meeting this year on Thursday night in Arizona.

The Niners’ last win in this rivalry came in Jim Harbaugh’s final game as coach in 2014 when the playoff-bound Cardinals lost a most meaningless Week 17 game in San Francisco. It’s not as if the Cardinals have been world-beaters during this stretch. After winning 13 games in 2015, Arizona hasn’t had a winning record the past three seasons despite sweeping the 49ers.

Last season’s result was most glaring as Arizona won both meetings and only one other game in a 3-13 campaign.

This season, the Niners (7-0) come into the game tied for second in the AP Pro32 power poll and are one of two remaining undefeated teams, while the Cardinals (3-4-1) are 21st and once again have a losing record.

Could the streak continue even though San Francisco is favored by 10 points? ...

49ERS, 27-10

KNOCKOUT POOL: The AP prognostication crew is still alive after eight weeks but it’s getting tougher to find good choices still available. Considered taking the Jets at winless Miami but remembered they are still the Jets.

So the pick will be SAN FRANCISCO.

No. 26 Tampa Bay (plus 6½) at No. 7 Seattle

Jameis Winston makes plenty of big plays for the Buccaneers and far too many mistakes. Russell Wilson simply makes big plays for the Seahawks. SEAHAWKS, 31-27

No. 10 Houston (minus 1½) vs. No. 18 Jacksonville in London

The Texans needed a goal-line stand to beat Gardner Minshew and the Jaguars in Week 2 but won’t have J.J. Watt in the rematch.

UPSET SPECIAL: JACKSONVILLE, 23-21

No. 30 Washington (plus 9½) at No. 12 (tie) Buffalo

The Bills didn’t have enough to handle the Eagles last week, but Washington should be a lot easier.

BUFFALO, 17-10

No. 17 Tennessee (plus 3½) at No. 15 Carolina

Ryan Tannehill won his first two starts in place of Marcus Mariota for the Titans, while Kyle Allen lost his first in place of Cam Newton. That trend won’t continue.

CAROLINA, 24-21

No. 20 Chicago (plus 5) at No. 14 Philadelphia

Eagles have struggled in the secondary. That shouldn’t be a problem against Mitchell Trubisky and the Bears.

PHILADELPHIA, 23-13

No. 5 Minnesota (off) at No. 8 (tie) Kansas City

Patrick Mahomes’ status remains in doubt for Chiefs but no way they lose four straight at home, especially with how well Andy Reid’s offense is functioning with Matt Moore at the helm.

KANSAS CITY, 27-24

No. 28 New York Jets (minus 3) at No. 32 Miami

If Dolphins are going to win a game this figures to be one of their best chances. Nope, maybe wait for the Bengals in Week 16.

NEW YORK, 21-20

No. 8 (tie) Indianapolis (pick ‘em) at No. 21 Pittsburgh

Steelers got back into contention by beating winless Dolphins. The Colts offer much stiffer competition.

INDIANAPOLIS, 23-20

No. 16 Detroit (plus 2) at No. 19 Oakland

The Raiders look to give home fans something to celebrate in their first home game since Week 2.

OAKLAND, 31-27

No. 24 Cleveland (minus 3) at No. 25 Denver

The Browns were unable to dig out of an early hole last week at New England. Beating the Broncos with backup Brandon Allen at QB should be a bit easier.

CLEVELAND, 20-16

No. 4 Green Bay (minus 3) at No. 23 Los Angeles Chargers

Chargers got lucky to win at Chicago last week. That might be just enough to provide momentum against the much tougher Packers.

LOS ANGELES, 28-24

No. 1 New England (minus 3½) at No. 6 Baltimore

League’s top two scoring offenses meet up in prime-time showdown. Patriots also have stingiest defense.

NEW ENGLAND, 27-24

No. 12 (tie) Dallas (minus 7) at No. 27 New York Giants

The Cowboys have beat up against bad teams except for a loss at the Jets. No way they lose twice at the Meadowlands.

BEST BET: Dallas, 30-17

2019 RECORD:

Last Week: 9-6 against spread, 12-3 straight up.

Season Totals: 66-54-1 against spread, 76-43-1 straight up.

Best Bet: 6-2 against spread, 6-2 straight up.

Upset special: 5-3 against spread, 5-3 straight up.

NASCAR

Truex quietly rolling toward a 2nd NASCAR championship

BY JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Martin Truex Jr. struggled on short tracks for 15 years before he finally snapped his streak of futility and swept this season at Richmond. He’d been inching his way closer to victory lane, only to come up empty in frustrating finish after frustrating finish.

Martinsville Speedway wasn’t any kinder to Truex, who recalled “the first couple times I came here, we were terrible. I mean, awful.”

The trip to the shortest track on the NASCAR circuit last weekend was different. It was a vital playoff race. Truex was intent on collecting his first grandfather clock (Martinsville awards a clock instead of a traditional trophy, and he had gone so far as to choose a spot in his home for the prestigious item.

“In my living room, you’ll be able to see it as soon as you walk in the front door,” he said. “I’ve actually looked at that spot before and thought, ‘That grandfather clock would look good right there.’”

Truex earned his first clock Sunday by demolishing the competition in leading all but 36 of the 500 laps. The long-awaited victory also locked him into NASCAR’s final four with the chance to race for the Cup Series championship Nov. 17 for the third consecutive year. His move to Joe Gibbs Racing after Furniture Row Racing closed at the end of last season has been almost flawless.

Truex goes to Texas Motor Speedway this weekend as the only driver locked into the finale and leads the Cup series with seven victories.

Crew chief Cole Pearn can literally do nothing the next two weeks but work on the No. 19 Toyota that Truex will race in the final at Homestead-Miami Speedway — a luxury the other seven title contenders don’t have as they claw their way toward the remaining three slots. But sitting back isn’t part of the plan.

Although Truex raced with Furniture Row for the title in four of the last five seasons — he won in 2017 and was runner-up to Joey Logano

last year — he’d never before won in the third round of the playoffs to earn an automatic berth in the title race. Now that he’s locked in, he and Pearn want more.

“We’ve never been in this position before — every time we’ve made the final four we’ve pointed our way in,” Truex said, referring the points standings. “We’ve never won in this round, so it’s new territory. It’s good territory to be in, but, honestly, we can’t change who we are. You race every week the same, just there’s more on the line as you go down the road here. ... we’re going to go try to win the next two. Just like here, we’ve never won the next two tracks, and we want to, so here we go.”

Up first is Texas on Sunday, where Truex is 0 for 28. JGR teammate Denny Hamlin won at Texas in the spring, while Kevin Harvick dominated last fall before his victory was disqualified because of an illegal part on his car. The tension in spots two through eight is thick, with Hamlin, Kyle Busch and Logano above the outline for the final three positions at

Homestead.

Harvick’s playoffs have been mediocre and he is coming off two consecutive poor weeks of racing. Busch has looked nothing like he did while winning the regular-season title and Chase Elliott’s mechanical problems at Martinsville have put NASCAR’s most popular driver in a must-win situation over the next two weeks.

Ryan Blaney and Kyle Larson, both racing on borrowed time after surprise victories in the second round of the playoffs, are longshots but many believe if Larson qualifies for Homestead he could steal the title because the Florida track is one of his best.

All of this leaves Truex, the only one with an actual ticket to the title race, somewhat under the radar.

His long journeyman career took him from B-level ride to B-level ride until he landed outside of Denver with mid-pack Furniture Row. But he and Pearn became a magical combination and turned the tiny team first into a contender and then into a champion.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

How much are college athletes’ names and images worth?

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Sports Writer

How much are a college athlete’s name, image and likeness worth? And who would want to pay for them?

The questions are front and center now that the NCAA, pressured by individual states that have started acting on their own, has taken a major step toward allowing athletes to make money off their fame.

Deciding to reverse the prohibition on earning money was the easy part; determining how much athletes can make, under what circumstances and in a way that doesn’t permit abuses are bigger challenges that won’t be as simple to resolve.

Whatever they come up with, opportunities to earn huge sums of money could very well be the exception, not the rule, according to those who observe and work in the markets.

The board of governors for the nation’s largest governing body met Tuesday and set a January 2021 deadline to have rules and regulations finalized across three divisions covering more than 1,100 schools and 460,000 athletes.

Lawmakers in California and other states would like to lift all restrictions, letting the free market decide. But NCAA leaders, concerned about possible corruption and the use of endorsement deals to lure top recruits, are likely to take a far more cautious approach.

“It’s really hard to play the speculation game as to what an athlete would be worth in the world the NCAA is envisioning because as best I can tell, their announcement essentially said that they will treat athletes like other students — except when they won’t,” said Andy Schwarz, an economist who helped craft the California bill signed into law last month that helped pushed the NCAA toward rewriting its regulations.

There are some who believe there is a potential to unlock real riches — if the athletes can somehow get organized.

Earlier this week, the NFL Players’ Association announced a partnership with the National College Players Association, an advocacy group with no power to formally organize athletes as a union. The goal, according to NCPA executive director Ramogi Huma, is for the NFLPA’s licensing company to pursue opportunities for large numbers of players.

At the top of the wish list: getting players a piece of the billions being paid by television networks to the NCAA and conferences for the rights to televise games.

That might seem far-fetched, but when the NCAA was sued in 2014 by former UCLA basketball star Ed O’Bannon, attorneys for the plaintiffs argued that name, image and likeness rights extended to television broadcasts.

“There’s no difference in name, image and likeness rights, whether they are for individual endorsements of the product or appearance in a broadcast,” said Michael Hausfeld, the lead attorney in the O’Bannon case.

Bargaining agreements for professional athletes include compensation for using the athletes’ name, image and likeness in a broadcast, Hausfeld said. “There’s no reason that college athletes should be exempt from that.”

A group licensing agreement directly with players could be a path to bringing back a version of the popular NCAA football video game that was suspended during the O’Bannon case.

Game maker EA Sports settled for \$60 million to cover the 12 years in which the game was available. If such compensation were allowed in the future, each player could potentially be paid about \$450 per year, assuming a payout of \$5 million per year for 130 Bowl Subdivision teams of 85 scholarship players each.

“The only reason why those video games don’t exist is because the schools didn’t want to let the players have their fair share,” Huma said.

It’s unclear whether the NCAA will allow athletes to strike endorsement deals with local businesses (think car dealership or pizza joint), to charge for their autographs or sell memorabilia the way professional athletes do. Those who work in college athletics expect the most plentiful opportunities will be online: Paying social media gigs could be a natural fit for many college athletes, they say.

Schools would be wise to combine their players’ social media power with their own accounts, giving advertisers or sponsors much greater reach for their dollar, said Jim Cavale, founder of the INFLCR company, which works with teams at Duke, Miami, Oregon, Auburn, and dozens of other schools that want to help athletes promote their brands on social media.

Cavale said such exposure “becomes just as valuable, if not more valuable, than the stadium signage.”

It’s doubtful the NCAA and its schools will be willing to allow players to sign sponsorship deals. The NCAA says it will never allow students to be paid as if they were employees.

So if group licensing is going to be a challenge and even local endorsement deals are unlikely to fly, what’s the market for real money going to be for a college athlete?

“You’ve got what I call nominal opportunities, and those will probably be quite a few,” said former congressman and NBA basketball player Tom McMillen, who is now president of LEAD1 Association, representing athletic directors from major college football schools.

Children cut off stepmother with dad’s power of attorney

DEAR ABBY: This letter is for women who have step-children or are considering marriage to a man with children. My second marriage of 20 years is in limbo with no closure. My three adult step-children took my husband away from our home two years ago. He was having some cognitive dementia, but we were doing well in our home. After a fall, everything came apart. To make a long story short, I was naive about legal issues and discovered he had named his children as powers of attorney with no plans for me. I have not had a visit or phone call in months because his kids will not allow it unless they are present. Our home was jointly shared and the court has ordered me to maintain it with no financial assistance from my husband as I live here. He has been shuttling back and forth between his son and daughter and is presently living in another state.

Dear Abby



Abby, I encourage any woman who is considering remarriage to take great care of important legal matters for their well-being in case stepchildren try to “kill” the marriage and take over. I have experienced the ups and downs that go along with abandonment, depression and absence of closure. I am grateful for my family and friends for their love and support. With God’s help and prayers, I am still hanging in there. Ladies, beware! – Surviving Alone

DEAR SURVIVING: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. It is tragic. Sadly, you are not the only woman I have heard of this happening to; I know one personally. This is why I, too, urge anyone, female or male, who is going into a second marriage to be conscious of the legal ramifications and end-of-life planning and to do it with the help of an attorney.

DEAR ABBY: My acupuncturist and staff are all bilingual, speaking both English and Spanish. Almost always while I’m sitting in the waiting room, the staff will converse with one another in Spanish like they’re the only ones in the room. Once, a patient came in, and the receptionist didn’t recognize the person. She asked the patient her name in English. Once the receptionist realized she knew the patient and the patient spoke Spanish, the remainder of the conversation was in Spanish despite the fact that the woman spoke clear English.

Another time, one of the staff pointed to something on the receptionist’s computer screen and spoke in Spanish to the receptionist, and I could see she was showing the receptionist how to do something on the computer. In addition, if any of the staff needs to speak with the doctor during my treatment, Spanish is spoken.

I feel the only time the staff should speak Spanish is when a patient doesn’t speak or understand English. What do you think about this? – Don’t Understand In Florida

DEAR DON’T: What I think is that you should address your concerns to the person whose acupuncture practice it is. Explain that it makes you feel uncomfortable and isolated when his or her employees do this in front of you. And if you are not satisfied with the response you receive, change acupuncturists.

A GENTLE REMINDER TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Tonight we witches and goblins will be out trick-or-treating. Please supervise them closely so they’ll be safe. Happy Halloween, everyone! – Love, Abby

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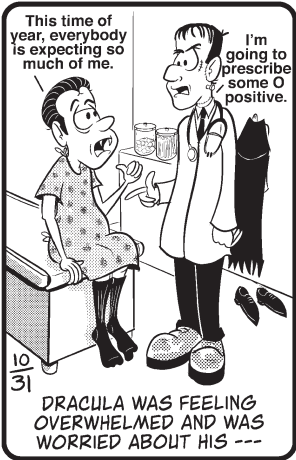
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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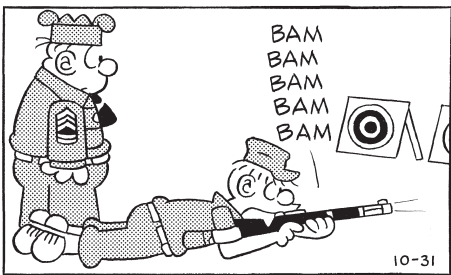


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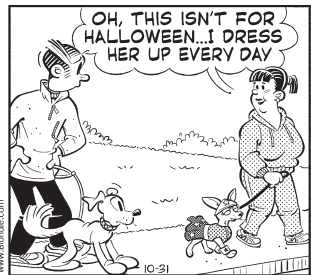
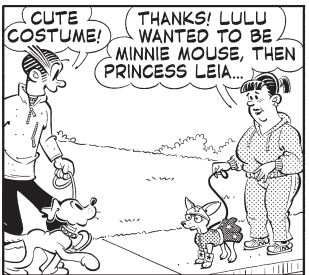
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“Couldn’t you do real makeup, like dripping blood and lumpy, rotting skin?”

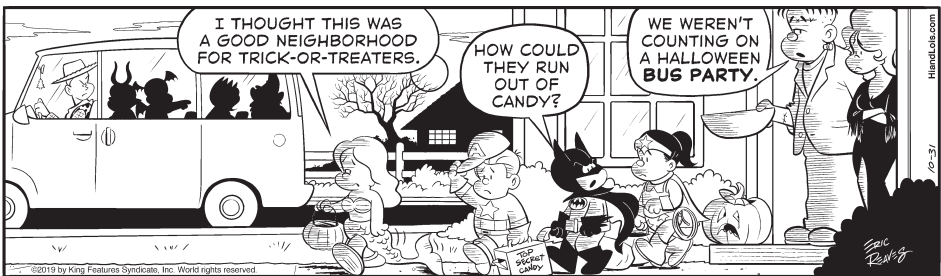
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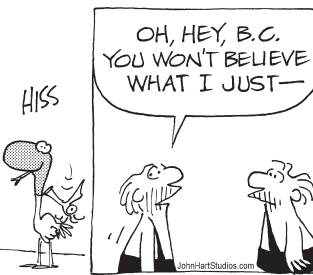
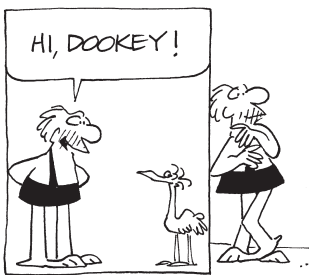
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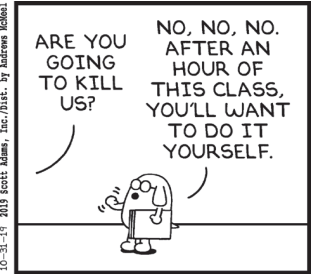
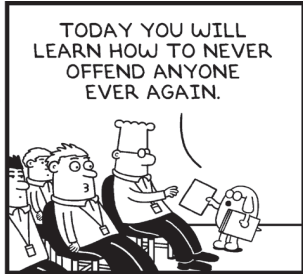
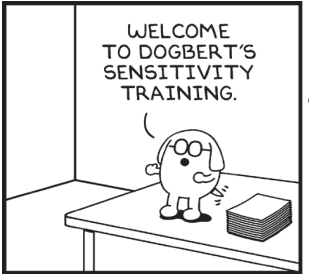
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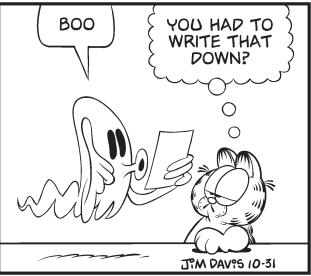
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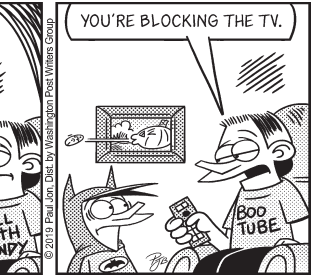
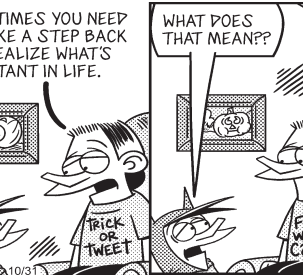
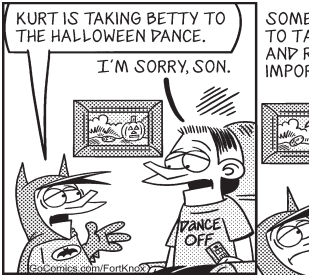
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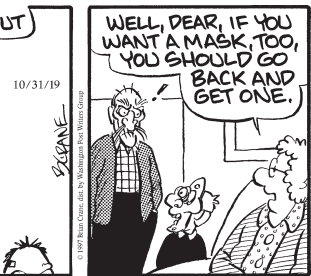
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Someday the end will come to our world

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I used to hear sermons about the end of the world but not so much anymore; yet world news speaks about it in refer-

ence to global warming or nuclear war, and Hollywood turns the subject into comedy, especially at Halloween. Why is this? – D.D.

A: Someday the end will come to our world that has been dominated by greed, evil, and injustice. The Preacher, Jesus Christ, spoke about it often. God warns of what is coming and calls us to be reconciled to Him. “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come” (Acts 3:19, NIV).

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make it a mockery, the Bible declares woe! “Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?” (2 Peter 3:3-4).

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“INO INLXM YXHOC JF GOH ... LVX'I
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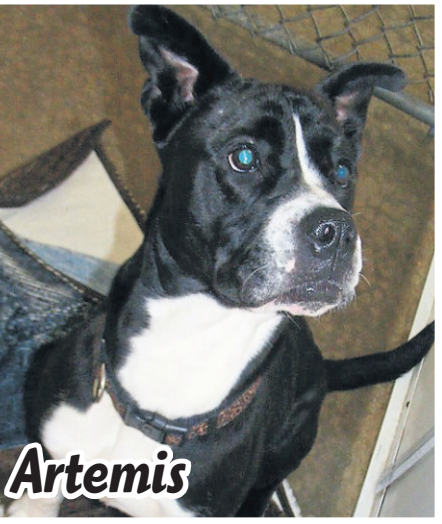
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